

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2016
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anna Cano-Morales at 5:33 PM. A roll call was taken.
Board Members Present: Anna Cano-Morales, Ana Cecilia Rosado, Stephanie Gonzalez, and Ron Pitt.
Arriving after the meeting was called to order Sonia Grace (5:39 p.m.), Hugo Figueroa (6:16 p.m.)
Board Members Absent: Diosa Martinez (Excused)

- II. Pledge– The pledge was led by Ms. Stephanie Gonzalez.

- III. Approval of the meeting minutes of January 12, 2016 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Pitt, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. Chairperson Cano-Morales asked to make sure that her name was correctly spelled as Morales and not Moralez in the minutes. Ms. Rosado abstained. Motion approved.

- IV. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement – Superintendent Capellan presented the following names for action:

- New Hires:
 - Therese Lusignan-Chalko, Finance Director,
 - Jane Cancilliere – OT District
 - Katherine Lorraine – Teacher Captain Hunt
 - George Carle, Lesdin Salazar & Ajani Thomas, Community Youth Workers at Calcutt Middle School
- Resignation: Shayira Diaz de Cabrera – PCA

A motion was made by Mr. Pitt and seconded by Ms. Rosado. Motion approved. Chairperson Cano-Morales welcomed Ms. Chalko who was in the audience and commented on how nice it was that we were hiring Ms. Salazar and Mr. Carle who were both graduates of CFHS.

Ms. Grace joins the meeting 5:39 p.m.

- V. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A motion to approve was made Ms. Grace, seconded by Mr. Pitt. Motion approved.
- VI. Audit Firm Contract Discussion – Item was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. RISS Survey Discussion – Item was tabled until the next meeting.

The board wants to see the policy on who and how gets to survey our students, faculty and staff.

VIII. Public Comment: Mr. Joseph Ash asked about how we determine what surveys get done in the school.

IX. Superintendent Comment – Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the school district had a very positive experience with the snow removal procedures. Board members wanted to know who was responsible for snow removal. Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the school District was responsible. Ms. Rosado asked why it was not the City's responsibility. Ms. Grace clarified that the District has care, custody and control of the buildings and thus it is our responsibility.

Superintendent Capellan spoke about the District's interest in starting an emergency food program for when school is canceled for multiple days.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board of his interest in scheduling a budget conversation during the March 8th meeting to discuss the budget process.

Superintendent Capellan presented the board with a high level overview chart of teacher absences in the District. A more detailed presentation will be provided at a later meeting.

X. Board Comment –

- a. Ms. Rosado asked about the Calcutt Reform plan and how having an SRO in the building was being perceived by students in the school. Chairperson Cano-Morales wanted to make sure that the SRO was building relations with the students.
- b. Ms. Grace spoke about the concept of community policing as something positive at the high school.
- c. Board members expressed an interest in wanting more information about the teacher attendance data.

6:16 Mr. Figueroa joins the meeting.

XI. Ms. Gonzalez moved to go into Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation, seconded by Ms. Rosado. In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Grace.

The board went into Executive Session at 6:25 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Figueroa to open the meeting.

In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Grace.

The board voted to come out of Executive Session at 6:43 p.m.

A motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session was made by Ms. Rosado and seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.

In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Rosado and Ms. Grace.

Chairperson Cano-Morales informed those present that the board had taken a vote in Executive Session to allow the Superintendent to modify a personnel contract and that the vote was unanimous.

XII. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 23, 2016 at 5:30PM at the Ella Risk School.

XIII. Adjournment – a motion was made by Ms. Rosado, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.